(3) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/ individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening/improvement of roads, etc.

Subsidy to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation

2342. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has sought 40 per cent subsidy to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation towards its investment of Rs. 2,000 crore for construction of 6 lane Expressway between Mumbai and Pune being *inter alia* an integral part of the Golden Quadrilateral being implemented by the National Highways Authority;

(b) if so, whether Government have acceded to the request; and

(c) if not, whether MSRDC is being entrusted construction of NH-4 and partnerships in administration of toll regime for both upgraded NH-4 and Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

National Highways in Manipur

2343. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways connecting Manipur with the rest of the country;